

Appln No. 10/500,188
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REMARKS

Claims 1-37 are pending in the application.

In the Office action of March 5, 2008, restriction to a single group of inventions under PCT Rule 13.1 is required as follows:

- Group I: claims 1-12 and 21-37, drawn to a device for repairing a cardiac valve or a mitral annulus.
Group II: claims 13-20, drawn to a method of reshaping a cardiac valve.

If Group I is elected, further restriction to the following Species is required:

- Species A: shown, for example, in Figures 1 and 2.
Species B: shown, for example, in Figures 40A-40D.
Species C: shown, for example, in Figures 44A-45B.
Species D: shown, for example, in Figures 48A-50.

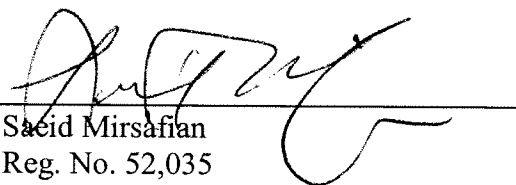
The Office action also states that claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

- Species A: claims 1-12
Species B: claims 21-30
Species C : claims 31-33
Species D: claims 34-37

Applicants elect Group I, Species C for prosecution on the merits. The elected Group I, Species C corresponds to claims 31-33.

Consideration and allowance of the claims are respectfully requested.

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